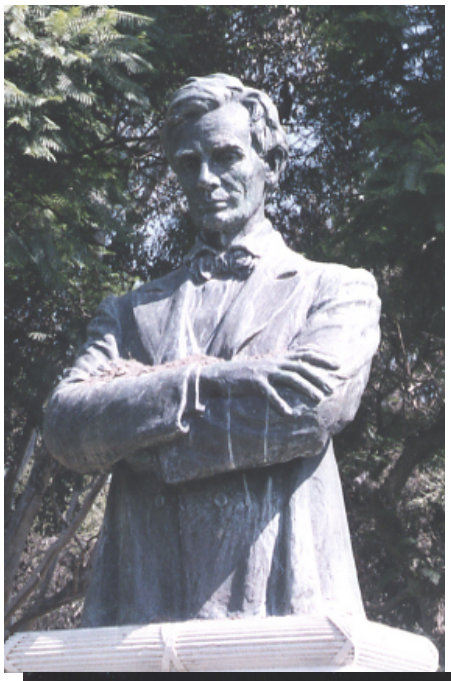
El Parque de Mexico is a commemorative area by Lincoln Park that was dedicated to promote the surrounding community's cultural heritage and demonstrate goodwill between the United States and Mexico. Its pantheon of busts and statuary, including the city's only two equestrian statuary, is a gallery of memory for the heroes of Mexican independence and liberty. Brief ceremonies sponsored by the Comite Mexicano Civico Patriotico are held each year on Independence Day (September 16), Cinco de Mayo and Dia de la Revolucion (November 20) in honor of these individuals.

In 1996, Urban Art, Inc., in conjunction with the Department of Cultural Affairs of the City of Los Angeles, conducted the first assessment survey by professional conservators of the condition of the sculptures and memorials in Lincoln Park. The conservators identified the steps necessary to preserve the works as well as provided cost estimates for restoring and conserving the collection. Personnel from the Department of Recreation and Parks were also trained to clean and wax the sculptures on a regular basis. However, the preservation of this artistic and cultural legacy will require our active involvement in raising the funds for repairing the collection and in making sure it is regularly maintained.



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